

SACHEM CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
51 SCHOOL STREET, LAKE RONKONKOMA, NY 11779
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

December 16, 2015

7:30 PM

Samoset Auditorium

The Board of Education welcomes all who are attending this meeting.

I. OPENING OF MEETING

1. **Roll Call**
2. **Call to Order**
3. **Salute to the Flag**
4. **Moment of Silence**

II. VISITORS - (EACH VISITOR WILL BE LIMITED TO 3 MINUTES)

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education welcomes visitors who wish to address the Board on matters relating to this agenda.

If you wish to speak, please fill out a card (located on the table in the rear of the room) and turn in to the table in the front of the room adjacent to the Board of Education. The President of the Board will call speakers to the floor.

BUSINESS ITEMS

A. Bid Award

Certain supplies, materials, and equipment to be used in various school units have been advertised for bid and/or requests for proposal (RFP) in accordance with Section 103 of General Municipal Law. Bids/RFP's are utilized to establish firm prices for a variety of items/services that may be required by the District during the school year. There is no guarantee that the District will require any/all of the items requested on bids/RFP's. Actual usage will be on an "as needed" basis and may vary. Bids/RFPs have been evaluated by the staff and recommendations for action are ready to be made.

The bid/RFP awards presented for action are:

<u>RFP/Bid Number & Title</u>	<u>Action Required</u>
a. B 15-515B Sander Parts (Supplemental bid award – original bid B 15-515 Snow Plow/Sander Parts awarded 10/21/15)	Approve

III. ACTION ITEMS

3.1. Approval of SCTA (Sachem Central Teachers' Association) Memorandum of Agreement

RECOMMENDED ACTION: "that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the SCTA (Sachem Central Teachers' Association) and the Sachem Central School District dated December 16, 2015".

3.2. Stipulation of Agreement - SAA and SCTA

RECOMMENDED ACTION: "that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approve a Stipulation of Agreement between the Sachem Central School District, the Sachem Central Teachers' Association (SCTA) and the Sachem Administrators' Association (SAA)."

3.3. Approval of Memorandum of Agreement SCTA Aide Unit (Sachem Central Teachers Association Aide Unit)

RECOMMENDED ACTION: "that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the SCTA Aide Unit (Sachem Central Teachers Association Aide Unit) and the Sachem Central School District dated December 9, 2015".

3.4. Recommendations from the Committee on Special Education

RECOMMENDED ACTION: "that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Committee on Special Education for the following meetings":

12/3, 12/4, 12/7, 12/8, 12/9, 12/10, 12/11, 12/14, 12/15, 12/16

IV. MONTHLY REPORTS

4.1. Determinations from the Committee on Preschool Special Education

The determinations from the Committee on Preschool Special Education for the following dates are on file in the office of the District Clerk:

12/3, 12/4, 12/8, 12/9, 12/10, 12/14, 12/15, 12/16

4.2. Board of Education Sub Committees

1. Sachem Legislative Committee
2. Sachem Citizens' Advisory Audit Committee
3. Sachem Budget Advisory Committee

4.3. 2015-16 Updates to the Board**4.4. 2015-16 Board Goals***Goal #1 - Provide Safe and Secure Schools*

The Board is dedicated to maintaining a safe, secure and orderly environment where anti-bullying and character education programs will be utilized K-12 to promote positive peer relationships, and successful student learning environments.

Goal #2 - Enhance Student Achievement, Quality of Instruction and Leadership Skills

The Board is committed to implementing a curriculum which incorporates critical thinking, collaboration, creativity and civic responsibility. The curriculum is supported by a K-12 Curriculum Council of educators and administrators. Graduates will be college ready and be prepared for 21st century careers.

Goal #3 - Improve Parent, Community and Staff Communication

Continue to enhance communication through a variety of print media and technology resources in an effort to be environmentally responsible.

Goal #4 - Improve Fiscal Responsibility and Accountability throughout the District

Continue to focus on balancing the needs of students with taxpayer sensitivity.

Goal #5 - Technology Integration

Curriculum will require students to exhibit a range of functional and critical thinking skills related to information media and technology.

Goal #6 - Committed to Providing the Staff With the Necessary Tools and Support to Provide the Students With the Highest Quality Education

Creating an environment conducive to personal and career growth. Encouraging employees to reach their full potential and positively impact the sachem students. Encouraging and empowering employees to think outside of the box, make recommendations for improvement in order to help students reach new levels of success. Encouraging participation in district activities/events aimed at improved employee and student moral and increased community involvement. Making Sachem a great place to work, live and learn.

Goal #7 - We Are Sachem

The Board is dedicated to promoting one Sachem family and collaboration amongst our 18 schools. This will support consistent academic programs and activities.

V. PRESENTATION/DISCUSSIONS

School Closings

VI. ACTION ITEM**6.1. Approval of Resolution for Sachem Central School District Redistricting - Plan 1**

RECOMMENDED ACTION: "that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approve the following resolution."

WHEREAS, opportunities to realize increased efficiencies within the Sachem Central School District have been under close study by the Board of Education for a number of years; and

WHEREAS, declining enrollment has been a concern of the Board for a least the past five years as the District struggles to implement costly mandates and continue its operations under the New York State property tax cap; and

WHEREAS, in view of the foregoing, pursuant to a duly adopted Board resolution, the Board of Education established the Sachem Facilities Study Committee, who, with the assistance of professionally trained experts retained by the District were charged to research and present to the Board of Education specific options and recommendations for building and district configuration during a period of declining enrollment and fiscal constraints, to ensure the efficient use of resources and support student achievement and continuous improvement of school programs, and

WHEREAS, the Board has requested and received updated demographic data, recommendations and educational impact statements regarding the closure of particular schools and redistricting options from professionally trained experts retained by the District it is hereby

RESOLVED

That the Board of Education hereby identifies Gatelot Avenue Elementary School, Tecumseh Elementary School and Sequoya Middle School as the Board of Education's agreed upon proposed school buildings for closure, and hereby directs District Administration and Counsel to take the next necessary steps to ensure further compliance with District Policy 7800 and/or Education Law 408a, including but not limited to the publication of notices to the community and elected state and local public officials who represent the affected communities that it proposes to close Gatelot Avenue Elementary School, Tecumseh Elementary School and Sequoya Middle School, and to set the final public hearing for consensus on this decision.

VII. CLOSING**A. Visitors (Each visitor will be limited to 3 minutes)**

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education may hear from members of the audience who wish to present any matters of importance.

B. Board of Education Discussion of Future Agenda Items

Any member of the Board of Education wishing to propose a future agenda item present a motion to the Board of Education for consideration.

C. Next Meeting

The next Work Session meeting of the Board of Education will be held on January 6, 2015 at 7:30 PM in the Board Room at Samoset Middle School.

VIII. ADJOURN